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PROVINCIAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PDP) I

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1. FOLLOWING IS MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF LARSON/MINTZ
CONVERSATION WITH ATAR SIBERO ON MAY 24 AS REQUESTED REF A.

A. MR. LARSON BEGAN BY STATING THAT BASED ON EVALUATION
OF VARIOUS PROPOSALS AID BELIEVES DAI IS THE MOST TECHNICALLY
COMPETENT FIRM TO SERVICE PDP I AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH DAI
TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICES FOR PDP I ARE ALMOST
COMPLETED BUT THAT PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT THERE
ONE MATTER WHICH USAID DESIRES TO ADVISE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.
MR. LARSON THEN WENT THROUGH A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ASSOCIATION
OF MR. SCHAEFER (AS DAI'S COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER) AND
DAI WITH SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES. THIS INCLUDED AN EXPLANATION
OF MR. SCHAEFER'S (I) INITIAL EXPLORATIONS OF POSSIBILITIES
FOR NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT (WHILE AN EMPLOYEE OF ANOTHER FIRM)
IN MINDANAO; (II) MEETING AND EVOLVING FRIENDSHIPS WITH
MR. AND MRS. LUCMAN AND OTHER LEADERS ON BOTH SIDES OF
CONFLICT; (III) SUBSEQUENT ATTEMPTS TO NEGOTIATE A PEACE
SETTLEMENT; AND (IV) ATTEMPTS TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES THROUGH MINDANAO AREA DEVELOPMENT
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COUNCIL (MDAC) AND OPEC INVESTMENT CAPITAL. IT WAS EMPHASIZED
THAT MR. SCHAEFER AT ALL TIMES APPEARED TO FULLY INFORM AND
HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES. MR.
LARSON ALSO STATED THAT THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT A
U.S. NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST WHO HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THESE ACTIVITIES
MIGHT SEEK TO MAKE THEM PUBLIC. SIBERO WAS ALSO ADVISED THAT
SCHAEFER NEITHER HAS NOR WOULD HAVE ANY ROLE IN INDONESIAN

PROJECT. THE PRESENTATION ENDED BY REPEATING THAT THIS INFORMATION WAS BEING RELAYED TO THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS TO KEEP THEM FULLY INFORMED OF ALL ASPECTS OF DAI'S BACKGROUND; THAT AID IS READY TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; AND THAT DAI, OF COURSE, HAS NO INTENTION OF BECOMING INVOLVED IN THE INDONESIAN POLITICAL SITUATION.

B. MR. SIBERO'S IMMEDIATE REACTION WAS TO STATE HIS MINISTER'S SENSITIVITY TO ANY POSSIBLE POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT BY TECHNICAL ADVISORS AND THAT THIS INFORMATION PRESENTS A REAL PROBLEM FOR HIM. MR. LARSON ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD FIND IT USEFUL TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE OF DAI VISIT JAKARTA TO MORE FULLY DESCRIBE THE SITUATION AND MR. SIBERO RESPONDED VERY POSITIVELY.

2. HOPE THE ABOVE PROVIDES FULLER ACCOUNT OF REFERENCED CONVERSATION. RELATED TO MEETING WITH DAI ON JUNE 6, MINTZ RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM DAI PDP I BACKSTOP OFFICER, ALAN ROTH, ON JUNE 6 AT 0800 HOURS JAKARTA TIME. MR. ROTH STATED THAT HIS FIRM HAS JUST BEEN ADVISED OF MAY 24 MEETING AND WILL SEND OUT REPRESENTATIVE AS SUGGESTED; EITHER HIMSELF OR DAI PRESIDENT MICKELWAIT. MINTZ ADVISED ROTH THAT GIVEN ISSUE IN QUESTION, THERE MIGHT BE MORE VALUE IN MICKELWAIT VISITATION BUT THAT FINAL DECISION RESTS WITH DAI.

3. REQUEST AID DIRECTOR NIBLOCK, IF HE DEEMS APPROPRIATE, ADVISE DAI THAT USAID INTENDS TO EXECUTE PSC WITH ELIGIO J. CONFIDENTIAL

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TAVANLAR IMMEDIATELY FOR ONE MONTH PERIOD PRIOR TO EXECUTION DAI CONTRACT (AND HIS EMPLOYMENT UNDER DAI CONTRACT AS ADVISOR FOR ACEH PDP) TO PROGRAM, ARRANGE AND ESCORT ACEHNESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN OBSERVATIONAL TRAVEL TOUR/TRAINING IN PHILIPPINES ON/ABOUT JULY 1. THIS TRAINING PROGRAM NECESSARY PREREQUISITE TO COMMENCING ACEH PDP IN IFY 1978/79 AND CANNOT WAIT RESOLUTION OF MAJOR ISSUE FACING DAI CONTRACT IN INDONESIA.

4. REQUEST ADVICE SOONEST REGARDING OUTCOME JUNE 6 MEETING, NECESSARY USAID ACTIONS, AND ETA DAI REPRESENTATIVE JAKARTA. MASTERS

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